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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In reply to the August 4, 2003 Official Action, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Remarks

At the outset it is noted that a shortened statutory response period of three (3) months was set forth in the August 4, 2003 Official Action. The initial due date for response, therefore, is November 4, 2003.

In the August 4, 2003 Official Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5, 6, 8-13, 15-19, and 37 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,127,120. The Examiner's reasons in support of this ground of rejection are set forth in paragraph 4 of the Official Action.